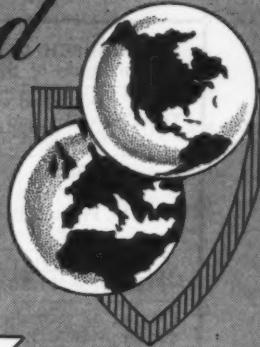


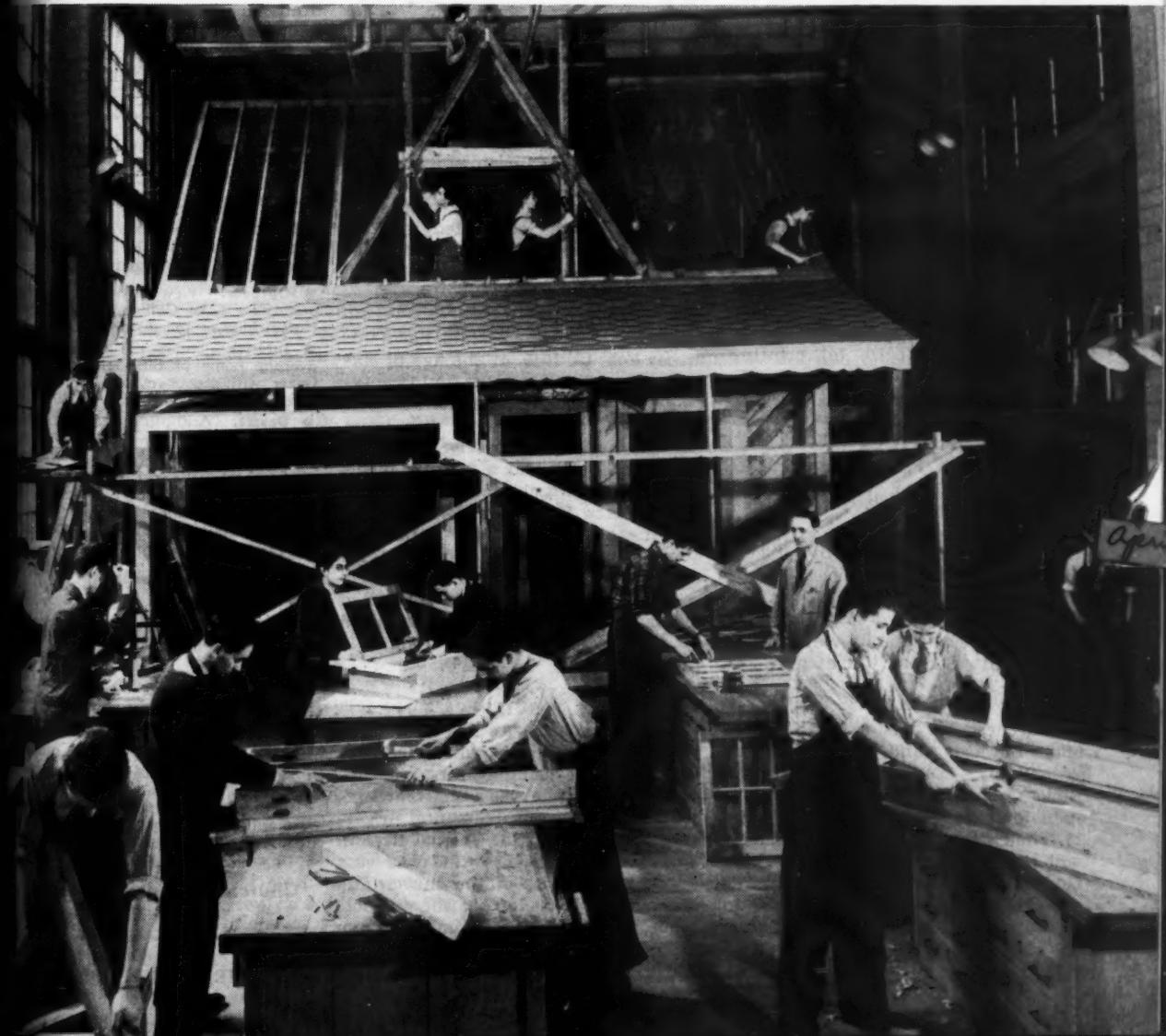
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CORRECTION

In the *Evangel* of last week, on page
2, there was a report from the Texas
L. W. W. B., with a picture of Mrs.
E. O. Kerce, Texas L. W. W. B. state
president. We apologize for printing
Sister Kerce's name as Mrs. O. W.
Kerce, instead of Mrs. E. O. Kerce.

NOTICES

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Peavy, please
write to me.—Grace Wall, Box 43,
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25. Their first revival for the summer
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My wife and I are getting ready for
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Alabama. We both preach. I have
been preaching for over thirty years.
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small. Anyone desiring us for a re-
vival please write Sanford C. Elrod,
Route 3, c/o R. M. Hilyer, Opelika,
Alabama.

our meetings but we are glad she has
a hope beyond this world.—Mrs. W. W.
Kemph.

DAVIS

James Phillips Davis departed this
life January 29, 1949, at the age of
forty-six years. He was a member of
the Church of God about three years
and he left a wonderful testimony. He
was injured in an accident about two
years ago, from which he never
recovered. We are in deepest sympathy
with his wife and daughter in the passing
of the one they loved.—Barney and
F. McNair, Clerk of the Laurel Church
of God.

OWENS

Jessie J. Owens, a member of the
Church of God at Iglesias, Md., was
instantly killed while at work
March 9. He leaves his wife, five chil-
dren at home, and one married
daughter. The funeral was conducted
in Baltimore by his pastor, Rev. M.
Salmon. Pray for this family.—Mr.
E. Salmon.

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EDITORIALS

UNTHANKFUL

Arthur Hester is a living personification of the pauline description of one of the ugliest human dispositions of his time and ours.

Severay years ago, Arthur was dishonorably discharged for going A.W.O.L. from the Navy the second time. Dr. John W. Lord, dean of the Texas Christian University Graduate School at Burleson, Texas, had mercy on him and showed the good Samaritan spirit by taking the friendless, orphaned boy into his home. There he enjoyed some life unsurpassed by the most fortunate until he was nineteen.

A few days ago, his seventy-year-old foster father disapproved his trip to Fort Worth to date a girl. The boy went into a rage and beat him to death with a lead pipe. He was sorry he couldn't attend the funeral of his benefactor and said that Lord had been a good friend to him and helped him lots of times. But his best friend was dead—and dead at his hands! A heinous crime by an unthankful, devil-possessed, and devil-controlled young man who could have made his benefactor and the world proud if him had he not been "unthankful."

TRUTH SERUM

Sometime ago, a young man by the name of Hoover was given a dose, or shot, of "truth serum" and confessed in detail to killing his benefactor, James Mahoney, a fifty-five-year-old millionaire of Bristol, Virginia.

Well, well, the lie detector to tell when a person is lying and now something invented to keep a person from lying! This is, if true, one of the greatest steps forward in the history of the human race. Strange things are happening in this old world. Why, just a few days ago, what had been known but little about was limelighted all over the world, and that was a secret, amazing drug that was given Cardinal Menzenty and fifteen Protestant ministers, the Russians, which so completely broke down their will power that they gave false confessions against themselves.

But here is a serum to make a liar tell the truth! (?) I would wonder what the result would be should a dose of this be given a person at the same time.

Medical science doesn't have to go very far to be beyond comprehension, so I can't say much about what I believe or disbelieve of these alarming reports; but this one I will take the liberty to say, and that is: If this "truth serum" is a reality, then I say the Church especially, would welcome its belated discovery. I would further suggest that it is regrettable that the serum has only temporary effect. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to give your baby a shot of it before he told his first lie (now crying like he was dying with pain when there wasn't pain about him) and to know that from then on so long as he lived, nothing but the truth would emit from his mouth? I should say it would!

Then, just think of it, when all the grown, lying rascals, tattlers, backbiters and slanderers had been corralled and given a shot, no more swearing in court would have to be done. Further, all binding contracts requiring witnesses would become obsolete.

But alas, this "truth serum" has only periodic effect (if indeed that); therefore, we come back to the only permanent truth serum in the world—the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. A born-again person has a new tongue, and that new tongue does not lie.

F.B.I. AGENT SPEAKS AT NORTH CLEVELAND

Mr. J. A. Robie represented Mr. J. Edgar Hoover in a special service, attended by the local Ministerial Association and parents, on April 5. His subject was "Crime and the Church." He quoted Mr. Hoover, "Crime is the product of spiritual starvation," in showing the cause of crime and the responsibility of the church toward it. He said that crimes are guided by selfish motives—no criminal loves his fellow man nor respects the law officers.

He gave the following alarming statistics: A serious crime is committed every 18.7 seconds; 10,750,000 crimes were committed in the United States in 1948; there was a 4.3 per cent increase in crime in 1948 over 1947 in the rural districts (night clubs, dance halls, etc., being moved outside of cities could be responsible); 58 per cent of criminals arrested last year were repeaters. The predominant age of criminals is twenty-one to twenty-four years; 44 per cent of all auto thieves last year were youngsters about twelve. There are 111,000,000 fingerprints on file in Washington. It is estimated that one out of every twenty persons in the United States will be arrested during his life.

In answer to the question, "Who are more delinquent, the parents or the children?" he said, "The parents." It was stated during the meeting that Judge Miller of Chattanooga reported that of the 6,000 juveniles he had tried in eight years, neither a girl nor boy came before him who was a regular attendant of church and Sunday School.

The facts and statistics by Mr. Robie, and Judge Miller's testimony, all constitute an unavoidable challenge to the Church of God.

YOUR REPORTS

to the *Evangel* should be made promptly. When you wait three weeks to report your revival, convention, etc., it will be at least five weeks after that meeting before it will appear in the *Evangel*.

I am calling this to your attention because some reports of revivals, conferences, and even deaths are a month or more old when they reach me. It is my desire to keep the special news features as current as possible, for I think that is what the *Evangel* family wants.

One other request: Please send all material intended for publication to J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief. The other departments have enough to do without opening mail only to find that it is intended for the *Evangel*.

Thank you, and please know that it is a genuine pleasure to serve you. The *Evangel* is our official Church organ, and the nature of your contributions largely make it what it is. "We are laborers together with God."

CONSOLATION

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose," Rom. 8:28.

BUILDING

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for Time and Eternity

1 Cor. 3:9-11

I want us to view the foregoing scripture in the prospect of building a house, a spiritual house. To build, then, we must have

I. A GOOD FOUNDATION

This is most important. The foundation is that upon which the whole structure rests. It is going to tell whether your house will stand or fall. Therefore, our foundation is of utmost importance, and this foundation, **MUST** be Christ. The Scripture speaks of "other foundations." There are many. With some it is their bank account. Others have health for theirs. Still others, youth, a good job, etc. All of these are important and wonderful, as far as they go, but to use these as our foundation is like trying to build by the seashore on unstable sand, which structure would be doomed for a fall. It is, therefore, most important to have for our spiritual structure **CHRIST**.

*"On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand."*

II. GOOD MATERIAL IS CERTAINLY NEEDED

We must make the very best choice of material for our building, if it is to be a good one. Just any kind of cheap material won't do, if we are to have a building that will stand the test. So our spiritual house we are building needs the very best of material. A good self-pronouncing Bible is the most essential in our building material; then, too, a good concordance is also of great necessity. Also, we shall come up against hard-to-understand places in our Bible studying, so we need a good reliable commentary to help us. There are other materials that are important, such as good periodicals—the *Evangel*, fundamental books by good authors, etc. All these make up our material. Then, after having all this fine

material, we must have a mind to study.

III. IN THIS BUILDING IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE

1. *A bedroom (a place to rest).* Faith will cause you and me to rest from all worries, anxieties, and cares through the coming years. Trials and tests will come; Jesus said they would; but when they do come, then it is necessary to have a place of rest. Faith in Jesus Christ will afford us just such a place.

2. *Then we need a kitchen (a place where the food is prepared by experienced hands).* The Church offers us just such a place. It is here where God-qualified and God-called ministers are prepared and ready to feed you just the right kind of food that is needed. Yes, the kitchen surely is needed.

3. *In our spiritual house we also have a dining room (where food is eaten).* Do our lives cause others to become hungry for God? Can we, like David, say, "O taste and see that the Lord is good." Can it be said of us as it was of the disciples, "And they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus"? Acts 4:13. Then we also need

4. *A living room (the most presentable room in the whole house).* It is here where friends, guests, and visitors are admitted. We don't take them in any old room. It is customary and right to usher them into our living room. You can generally tell a person's whole house just by the appearance of his living room. What do people see in your living room? Cobwebs of indifference? Or is it cluttered up with a nasty uncontrollable temper? Some have said that steel isn't worth a cent without

BY REV. J. E. COX,
Pastor, Mosinee, Wis.



a little temper. But I want to ask you, "Who wants to be steel?" Let us rather become clay, yielded, pliable in the hands of the Master. It was down to the steel foundry that Jehovah sent Jeremiah for a spiritual lesson, but down to the potter's house. Perhaps they see in your living room a cheap, ungodly, gossipy tongue, so, perhaps this is the reason why you haven't any more friends, guests, and visitors coming to your living room. Better have a real good housecleaning.

You may have a few who are of the same disposition as you are; but good, decent, respectful folk don't like to come into such a room as that. Clean up and have a room that is presentable, able for the preacher, a farmer, and can use whoever is to be admitted into it. Our living room should be the best room in life. When in the house. It ought to be neat, tidy, but well and always in good order, because life here you never know who is going to drop in and pay you a call. When without him: come they should see in our living room, the room right actions, kind words, helping hands, etc. Some say, "I would do more to help others if the opportunity ever came my way." We should not wait for it to come our way. Christians should be like Jesus, who went about themselves doing good Acts 10:38. He never waited for an opportunity. He always looked for one. If we will do that, we will find plenty of opportunities to help others, to give a word of encouragement, etc.

There is another "little" room are in about which we seldom think, the precious bond

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Being a Whole Christian

By Clyne W. Buxton, Lee College Freshman

"The world has yet to see what God will do with and for and through and by the man who is fully and wholly consecrated to Him," stated Henry Varley, a man of God.

God is not just seeking the Christian's billfold, his eloquence, his personality, nor just his ability to sing melodiously, although He must have these talents; but He is seeking the Christian in his entirety, his whole self and all he possesses.

If God wanted men's high education only, He could find such people throughout the country today; but He wants more. If He wanted men's great speaking ability only, He could find those thus qualified on platforms all over the nation; but He wants more. All of these talents are invaluable when used for God, and God wants them plus the whole persons who own them.

Christendom needs representatives who are spiritually awake. That chief of the evangelists, D. L. Moody, said, "I do not know anything America needs more today than men and women on fire with the fire of heaven: not present men, but true honest persons whom God can use." To confirm this statement one has only to refer to Moody's best known life. Without God he was no great man, but with God wholly dominating his life he was a sensation. Notice to drop that one of his biographers said when they met him: "But after honest appraisal, there yet remains a baffling chasm between what he was and what he did, a chasm which may be bridged by only one word—God!"

There is no justifiable reason why Christians should not wholly dedicate themselves to God, for the Scripture states that this is only our reasonable service. There are plenty of reasons, however, why we should consecrate ourselves to Him. One is that we are no longer our own, but we have been purchased by Christ; therefore, our roots are in bondage to Him. What a glorious bondage.

Another reason why we should con-

secrate ourselves to Him is that since God has planned for us to live surrendered to Him, neither we nor God is content with our living a life only partially dedicated to Him.

God seeks surrendered lives, and just as a businessman puts an ad in the local newspaper when he desires a person for a special position, so does God set forth an ad in His great

means of communication which in effect reads: "Needed: A man to stand in the gap." But just as the businessman has certain qualifications which must be met, so does God. His cardinal requirement is "that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice."

The price for being completely surrendered and dedicated to God is great, but the joy and contentment of knowing we are doing our best is a much greater reward than the price we pay. Let us realize that all of our efforts outside of Christ are fruitless, and resolve that by God's help we will be whole Christians.



Old Main Dormitory.—This dormitory is now being used for married couples.

L.W.W.B. CORNER OF LOUISIANA

Dear Sister McClendon:

We want you to know the good work of the L. W. W. B. is progressing in Cedar Grove. The Lord is wonderfully blessing our efforts for Him. Our workers have formed two circles. If either of the circles raise less than twenty-five dollars a month, we are pledged to pay a penalty of one dollar each in the treasury. Of course, we have each so far, passed the mark, as you can see from the report sent. Some are making and selling pies, some are making and selling flowers,

and some are crocheting. We are doing anything legitimate we can think of. We raised \$91.35 for January. Our Y. P. E. is helping out, too. They are doing a splendid job.

We are in a contest and every one is working. God is crowning our efforts with success. It seems that every officer is in exactly the right place.

Please pray for our success.

Mrs. Marvin Johns, Reporter.

There have been only ten reports received at the state office from the L. W. W. B. secretaries to this date. (Continued on page 13)

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Holy Living

By MRS. LASSIE R. MANLEY

"Sanctify them by thy truth: thy word is truth," John 17:17.

Jesus also said, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth... and he will shew you things to come."

He said at another time, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

Jesus taught many things that the average professing Christian makes no effort to keep.

Paul said, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

There is no stopping place in our spiritual growth. Paul said, "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection."

Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Does that sound, then, as if there is a stopping place, where we might say to our soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry"?

The person who has been "sealed unto the day of redemption" with the Holy Spirit of God, is dedicated unto Him. Remember the words of Paul, "And ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price...."

We should, therefore, no longer walk after the flesh but after the Spirit.

"We should never let our eyes, which are consecrated unto God, look upon the unclean thing to lust after or covet it. We should never peruse a book or magazine that is filled with the filth and evil of this world. We should never allow them to look upon a secular moving picture or play, nor comic strips, nor upon anything

GOOD-NEWS STATISTICS

Good news is always welcome, and I am passing on to the readers of the *Evangel* this little report, comparing February, 1948, with February, 1949, showing some of the work of the Church in the United States and Canada for one month.

	Feb., 1948	Feb., 1949	Gain	Per Cent
Saved	5,285	7,956	2,671	50
Sanctified	2,719	4,218	1,499	55
Received the Holy Ghost	2,052	2,935	883	43
Baptized in water	520	1,114	594	114
Added to Church	1,836	2,512	676	36

—H. L. Chesser, General Overseer.

that will desecrate our spiritual sight.

We should never let our ears, which are consecrated unto God, listen to blasphemies, gossip, obscene stories, nor foolish and worldly radio programs that will not profit unto the serving of God.

We should never let our hands, which are consecrated unto God, work at any trade or profession that will grieve or dishonor God.

We should never handle unclean things, for if the temple that Moses built was sanctified unto God by the blood of bulls and goats, of how much greater reverence should we show, as living temples which have been *sanctified* with the precious blood of Jesus.

We should never let our lips, which are consecrated unto God, utter anything that will defile the holy temple. We should never sing the devil's songs, nor lend our voices unto anything unbecoming to the saints of God. We should never speak evil of any man, but let our mouths be free from malice or guile, being filled only with words of love and truth.

We should never let our feet, which are consecrated unto God, lead us into any path that our Saviour would not walk, for remember, He has promised, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother and is our companion in every second of every hour of every day from now through eternity, if we do not force Him to leave us by our disobedience.

The child of God who compromises with the "idolatrous inhabitance of the land" does so at his own peril.

Paul warns us to "flee fornication," for fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers shall inherit the kingdom of God.

The danger of committing these sins is as great in the spiritual sense as in the physical, and one can be just

as destructive as the other.

Most of us stay on our guard against the wiles of the devil in the physical sense, only to let the hand down in the spiritual, and often take unto our bosom as friend the *unbeliever* or *heretic*.

Paul said, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." God has said, "Come out of her, O my people. A sanctified person who marries an unbeliever stands a chance to lose his or her own soul.

Peter said, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praise of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

We must never let the cares of this life, or the material things that beckon unto us, take us away from following fully the Holy Spirit.

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of his flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting... for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Remember, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord," Heb. 12:14.

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Oh, Praise the Lord

CLEVELAND, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. Not long ago I was suffering very much with the mumps. Some of the good saints of God came and prayed for me, and the Lord healed me. I am so glad we have a great Saviour on whom we can depend at all times. I want to live so that He can depend on me to do whatever He says do.—Mrs. M. F. Robinson, Lee College.

I praise God for His wonderful keeping power, for the way He holds us up when we trust Him. I joined the Church of God on my wedding day and have never been sorry. Pray for our church to overcome all opposition and that we will remain in His will.—Leeda Carter.

MOUNT PARK, Okla.—I thank and praise God for what He means to me. I was sick last week, but God came on the scene and healed me. I know God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.—Miss Joyce Lemaster.

BROOKSVILLE, Fla.—I praise the good Lord for healing my little boy. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I have belonged to the Church of God for twenty-nine years.—Mrs. Tony Longworthy.

DELHI, La.—I praise God for answering prayer. He has come to my aid many times, and when I need Him He is always ready to come to my rescue. I praise Him for healing my little boy when he fell and stuck a cotton stalk in his eye. God has healed in our home many times.—H. E. Isaac.

CALLAHAN, Fla.—I thank and praise God for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I praise Him for His wonderful healing power, too. Brother Lindsey Craft was conducting a revival at our church, and on Tuesday night I asked him to anoint and pray for me. God wonderfully touched my body, and I walked out without my crutches and haven't had to use them since.—Mrs. D. W. Daugherty.

McCRORY, Ark.—I am praising God because I know He has power to do all things. My little girl pushed a bean up in her nose, and I praise God for removing it.—Mrs. Louis Odom.

NAHUNTA, Ga.—I praise the Lord for healing me of gall bladder trouble. Pray for me that I will stand true and be a blessing to lost souls.—Hattie M. Allen.

BALD KNOB, Ark.—I praise the good Lord for healing my body. I had a sore on my breast, and He healed me. My baby was also healed last fall.—Mrs. Laurece Tuggle.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I praise the Lord for filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I praise Him for all His goodness and mercy to my family and me. Pray for my husband and two little girls to receive the Holy Ghost and for us to stay in the center of God's will at all times.—Mrs. E. M. Hodges.

IDA, Ark.—I praise the Lord that today finds me saved and sanctified, and seeking for the baptism of the

Holy Ghost. Pray that I may contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. The Lord has manifested His love and power by divinely healing my body and in many other ways. I am praying that God will send a Church of God evangelist to our community to break the Bread of Life to us.—Florence Armstrong.

SHAW, Miss.—I praise God this morning for the *Evangel*. It is a paper that couldn't be any better unless it was larger. I praise the dear Lord that I'm saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and a member of the Church of God. I have been a Sunday School teacher for a long time, and we have a fine group of Christians down here at Pilgrim's Rest. I'm the only one in my family that is saved. Pray that my backslidden husband and four children will be saved. I love the *Evangel* and look forward to it each week.—Mrs. J. M. Parker.

I was sick, suffering from a bad pain in my side. I prayed and asked God to heal me, and today I am better. I thank the Lord so much for His healing power.—Lydia McRae.

SENECA, S. C.—I am praising the Lord for healing my seventeen-month-old boy. His stomach was upset and he refused to eat anything. I felt that all was lost and life was empty. I gave him over to Jesus, but as we prayed God saw fit to raise him up.—Mrs. J. A. Whitlow.

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Text: Acts 2:36, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Introduction: Jesus is now the risen Lord, which means "one supreme in authority," "a ruler-master or governor." This title "Lord" was one of the many that indicated His place and work in the lives of men. In reading this sermon by the apostle Peter, from which the text of this message is taken, it can be seen that various statements in the Psalms, made by the long-corrupted David, had reference to the *Lordship of Christ and not David*. Peter proved to Israel and the crowd at Jerusalem that David was not referring to himself when he said the holy one wouldn't see corruption, but rather to Jesus. It was not David's lot to escape corruption, ascend to the right hand of God, and sit there till all enemies were made his footstool, but rather one whom David claimed as "my Lord" and, Thomas, "my God." David was held in high esteem by his hearers, and was a man of great note, whose memory was justly precious, yet *He knew that another was to come who was to be Lord.*

I. GOD HATH MADE HIM LORD

I ask you: Have you made Him Lord? If God, in all His wisdom and greatness, deemed Him to be Lord, why is it that you feel it wouldn't be best to make Him Lord of your life? In Exodus, the twentieth chapter, we have ten codes, or laws, known to us as the Ten Commandments. They were ten rules given for Israel to observe in order for them to have God occupy the rightful place in their lives, and also to aid them in their relationship with each other. These ten rules were given to Moses after he left the tent-covered plains and climbed the mountain inside, leaving the people at his feet. He stayed before God forty days and nights without interruption. In this forty-day period, he saw God, was given these ten rules, and had revealed to him the exact pattern of the Tabernacle, which was to be constructed and erected in the plain for the spiritual good of the people.

JESUS IS

In this first rule, given in verse three, God demands that all other gods be put away, by saying, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." In other words, He demanded and wanted to be the only true Lord in the lives of the Israelites.

I hear some of you saying, "Preacher, that is in the Old Testament and we have a better covenant now." That is true, and people are rejecting the terms of the new just as Israel did when they crucified the true Lord. Yes, God has made Him Lord, but many will not have this man to reign over them. How much better the world would be if Christ were really and truly the Head of the house, the unseen Guest at every meal, and the silent Listener to every conversation.

II. WHAT IS HE TO BE LORD OF?

1. *Of Our Time.* There are different views taken of time. Some regard time as a useless commodity, to be frittered away in trifles. Many do not see anything in it that is fraught with eternal issues. Time is their cheapest article. To others, time is an inexhaustible monotony. They dismiss the passing year by a mere statement: "Another year is past." But that is not so, if Jesus has been Lord of our time and we have spent a rightful portion of it in the cause of God. It does more to us than add days to our earthly existence. If we make Him Lord of our time, there will always be room for the Lord's service. Many people say, "I have no time to pray, no time to read my Bible, no time to attend church or prayer meeting"; but if He is Lord of our time, we will find it used for His glory.

If He is Lord of our time, we will not be lulled to sleep by a kind of take-it-easy gospel; neither will we be misled by crack-pot theories and date setting, which deceives the gullible and unstable minds. Paul said, "Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed," Rom. 13:11. We will have a knowledge of things and keep abreast with God's Word as to

BY REV. W. C. BYRD
Pastor, Lakeland, Fla.

what is at stake as things shape up for the grand climax of our day (Gentile age). We will meet about iniquity and the chilling influence of love waxing cold by redeeming time with increased efforts and overwhelming zeal. If He is Lord of my life, I Can't come, but occupying till He comes the Holy G

The time of our salvation is near, than when we first believed. Even the Holy Ghost moment brings this complete work of spiritual redemption nearer, which will remain in a mighty resurrection of the dead, in Christ and an equal mighty work of translation of the living saints His Lordship and then glory be to God, the rapture. 2. *Must* brings the glad reunion day! That Tim. 2:1: awakening to me. It makes me to name the out of bed, lay aside every weight, from iniquity run with patience the remaining short distance. I see others reaching forth for the prize of eternal glory, the trouble As we fast approach heaven's gate a type of shore, the clear lights abeam and across the intervening waters. Train and sound of harpers is heard. Methinks they are playing "Well Done, My Children, loose Well Done!" Did you say, "I do tell Israel sleepy"? No! a thousand times No! the true G

2. *Of Our Possessions.* Matt. 25:10. They have "The Lord hath need of them." sounding goes may seem odd that one who owns less had the need of a colt to ride, but all less may be sure there are times when Jesus Christ wishes some of what we have. Is that all that is needful for us to know? And why was so in the case of the owner of the colt. There was no withholding, and over the Jesus said, "Straightway he will say to them." If He is Lord of our possessions, the law of the tenth will be served, besides the freewill and cheerful giving. Yes, the pocketbook will be baptized, too. We do the th

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III. HOW IS HE MADE THE LORD OF OUR LIVES

In order for Him to be Lord of our lives, there are some conditions implied. That God made Him Lord is true. God also put gold in the hills, but to have it one must mine it. There is music in a piano, but I tried to play it one time, and after about three weeks of effort I decided there wasn't any in it for me. It would be silly for me to say that no one could play music on the piano, after three weeks of half-hearted effort. Many treat Jesus after this fashion and then say, "Jesus Christ wouldn't help me, even if I did make Him Lord of my life."

1. *Can't Call Him Lord Except by the Holy Ghost.* 1 Cor 12:3b, "No man can say Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost." This simply means that a spiritual work must be done in your heart before He is your Lord. If not, then you merely use the term as an empty formality without experiencing His Lordship.

2. *Must Depart From Iniquity.* That Tim. 2:19b, "Let every one that nameth the name of the Lord depart from iniquity." Many who do not want to live this kind of life take the attitude that the Bible is too strait; but the trouble is, God is calling them to a type of life that is beyond their stamp and grit. Yet, this scripture is plain and the terms are given. To have Him as Lord you must let all others loose. God did not hesitate to tell Israel that if they would have the true God, they must let half gods go. They had to break with all surrounding gods of the heathens. These are the terms today. If we will give up all lesser lords, we can have the true Lord Jesus Christ as ruler of our lives.

3. *Must Do His Bidding.* Luke 6:46, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say." Over and over the Lord Jesus Christ asked similar questions of those who heard His sayings but refused to do them. Too many put on a front and call Him Lord and never do anything for Him. We will never make it in unless we do the things He says. We all know

what becomes of those who say, "Lord," and don't do the things He says. They soon fall like the house built on the sand; but, on the other hand, if we do the things He says, it is like building a house on the rock. The rain comes, the wind blows, but they stand true to their Lord. Temptations and persecutions come, but they stand fast in the Lord.

Conclusion: The story is told of a young man whose ship was sunk during the war. He managed to crawl upon a rock in the water while the battle raged. When the enemy was put to flight he was reached by boat and carried to land. They asked him, "Didn't you shake while out there in the water?" His reply was "Yes, I shook but the rock didn't." God help you and me to be firmly fixed on the solid rock by doing what our Lord commands.

THE HEART'S PROOF

By JAMES BUCKHAM

Do you ask me how I prove
That our Father, God, is love?
By the world which He hath made,
By the songs of grove and blade,
By the brooks that singing run,
By the shining of the sun,
By the breeze that cools my brow,
By fresh odors from the plow
By the daisy's golden head,
Shining in the fields I tread,
By the chorus of the bees
In the flowering willow trees,
By the gentle dews and rain,
By the farmer's springing grain,
By the light of golden eyes
By the sheen of forest leaves,
By the sweets of woodland springs,
By the joy right-doing brings—
By a thousand, thousand things!

CHRIST AND THE BELIEVER

By Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.

Christ and the believer are joined together in an association and relationship as wonderful as it is blessed. There are seven points in which the Christian is associated with his Lord.

The Christian is crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20). When Christ died on the cross, He paid our death penalty there. Christ hung there for us, and in God's sight we are crucified with Him.

The Christian is quickened together with Him (Ephesians 2:5). The believer is alive with Christ. This is what Paul meant when he said, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). We are possessors of His eternal life. When Christ lives, we live also (John 14:19).

The Christian is raised together with Christ (Ephesians 2:6). We are raised from the death of sin to walking in newness of life. When Christ rose from the tomb, the resurrection of every child of God was as assured as if he had himself, already risen.

The Christian is seated together in heavenly places with Christ (Ephesians 2:6). We enjoy heavenly privileges now, fellowship and communion with Him. We who are members of the body are represented in heaven by Christ who is Head of the Church,

and while we are yet here in the body on the earth, we are present in Him in the court of glory.

The Christian is a joint-heir with Christ (Romans 8:17). He is the heir of all things, and He is our Elder Brother. We share in the family possessions. His heritage is jointly ours.

The Christian suffers with Christ (Romans 8:17). This is one phase of our relationship with Him which many of us should like to avoid, but the suffering which touches one member of the family touches all the family. No portion of the body suffers to itself, and on our relation with Christ in suffering depends our relation with Him in glory.

The Christian will be glorified together with Christ (Romans 8:17). Amazing mercy, love beyond our comprehension, that He who is worthy of all glory sees fit to share it with us who deserve none.

What we learn by being taught of God by the Holy Spirit never lessens our regard for the Bible or its teachings, but confirms our faith in both more securely, as it enlightens our hearts and minds as to its true meaning.

Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature

J. H. WALKER
Executive Missions Secretary

OVER MAYAN TRAILS

By Dorothy (Pullin) Carroll

(Continued from last week)

I noticed that since the last time I had chanced to enter the wax had been scraped off the floor, and a tin affair had been erected the entire length of the church for the purpose of burning candles. Formerly, they were burned on the floor, and the vast amounts of tallow which had accumulated made walking unpleasant. Conscious of the resentful glances of the occupants, we made our way down one side of the church and up the other. Along both sides of the wall were the usual array of images, all sizes and all descriptions. There were images of Mary: agonizing, interceding, crowned queen of heaven. There were images of Jesus, as a baby, carrying His cross, dying, and even lying in an elegant glass casket. I looked in vain for an image of the risen Saviour. There were none. To my mind that is another conclusive proof that this form of religion is hatched in hell and is a diabolical scheme to damn the people by deceiving them into thinking they are in the right way when really their trust is in the wrong person, Mary, and Christ to them is as good as dead. One may perceive the subtlety of the serpent in the way the saving power is slyly shifted to Mary, while the Son is honored for dying, merely dying. The entire system revolves around a dead Christ, and their churches are, likewise, tombs inhabited by the powers of darkness, all too real to the child of God who enters there. The thing is corrupt to the core. How Satan must laugh, for in truth they worship him and in the name of Christ. These were my thoughts as I walked from image to

image in the vast sepulchre. The very air was oppressive with a damp, musty smell, mingled with that of flowers, burning candles, and the smoke from the burning incense which drifted in through the open door. Glad we were to emerge again into God's bright sunshine, where the entire creation of God proclaims that Jesus Christ lives—today—slowly we jostled our way among the crowds of vendors, emerging at last on a street where hundreds of Indians were dancing the traditional nine dances.

The dancers were dressed in grotesque costumes, bordering on the ridiculous. Each group was accompanied by its own marimba band. From group to group we went, picking our way around or over those Indians who lay sprawled out in the streets or on the narrow sidewalks, muttering or yelling to themselves, too drunk to proceed any farther.

Those who were still able to walk men and women, fought and argued, pressing the cursed bottles to their lips. I noticed in particular the pathetic plight of the little infants strapped to the backs of their mothers by means of a shawl, which in many cases, had begun to work itself loose. There they dangled, wailing or benumbed into silence. In second while the mothers staggered along, threatening at any moment to twenty-six collapse in a heap on the two sanctified ground. Two drunk men staggered past us, pulling with the members of an even drunker woman, whose long hair hung in strings over her face, and the spittle ran out the corners of her open mouth. Skirting a group of dancers, we were forced to prowl in the dark to protect ourselves from the large sticks which they carried and at the same time dodge under cover until a shower of burned-out fireworks settled to end it around us. The shamefulness of it all! and in the name of Jesus! The Holy Ghost tired and saddened by the sight, and said, as we emerged over the arched doorway on the way to our little chapel, "Thine is the way, O Lord, and we will follow it; we do one thing for me; it makes man a wretched creature." The grace of God in the heart of our Christ must yearn for us these, His own lost sheep. That night, and on the way to our little chapel, "The close of the day is the beginning of the night." We have as the believers began to gather for service, we were glad that of this vast multitude there were those who had found the real Way, the Truth, and had have been born again. The Lord is with us.

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REVIVALS

Telegram

In second week of great revival with A. V. Childers and J. C. Vaughn. Over twenty-six have been saved, thirty-one sanctified, twenty-four filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-five new members received.—Harold F. Douglass, Dillon, S. C.

LENOIR CITY, Tenn.—We praise God for the glorious revival we are now in here, conducted by our pastor, Rev. C. M. Newman. The revival has been in progress four weeks, and the Lord is blessing so until we can see sixteen have been saved, nine sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen added to the church, and we are expecting a number more to come into the church at the close of the revival. Brother Newman is a wonderful man of God and a great blessing to the church.

We have a fine group of young people at night, and our Sunday School is going well. We had three hundred twelve in attendance last Sunday. The whole church is working in one accord. Several have been healed in our services. The Lord is truly blessing us, for which we are thankful.—Mattie

PARROTT, Va.—We have had a wonderful revival, with the Rev. J. G. of Edenton, North Carolina, as the evangelist. God wonderfully blessed us each night with His mighty power and presence, and it seemed like an old time camp meeting. Some marvelous healings were testified to, for which we certainly praise His dear name. One baby was burned when she fell on the ventilator, and God instantly healed her. Seven persons testified to being saved, two sanctified, two baptized in water, and two added to the church. Reverend is an old time Pentecostal teacher full of the fire of the Holy Ghost. If you need an evangelist he is not afraid to preach the Bible as it is he is your man.—Viola Arswan, Pastor.

EASLEY, S. C.—The Church of God in Easley has just closed a five weeks'

revival, with Rev. and Mrs. Alton Edenfield. This was one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. A number were blessed and prayed through to the old time blessing. We had some of the best preaching and singing we have ever had. The church feels that Brother and Sister Edenfield have been a blessing. The meeting closed with the church filled and a number in the altar.—Narins Timmerman.

DUNLAP, Tenn.—We are praising God for the best revival that Dunlap has had for several years. Brother and Sister Homer Miller were the evangelists. Sister Miller did some wonderful preaching. There were forty-four saved, thirty-six sanctified, thirty-eight filled with the Holy

THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH OF GOD AT TWELFTH AND ELM STREETS, Cincinnati, Ohio

Surely, anyone who witnessed our third anniversary services would say it was good to be in the house of the Lord. Every speaker, and we had some good ones, seemed to be at his best. Services were held from Tuesday, March 15, through Sunday, March 19.

Tuesday evening service started with a wonderful crowd in attendance, and the singing that made our hearts rejoice. Brother Russell Huff, our beloved former pastor of many years, spoke out of his heart to us. Blessed evening!

Wednesday, our good neighbor pastor, Brother Shelton Brock, of Hamilton, Ohio, was at his very best. The Holy Ghost was evident and praises and Holy Ghost messages took this service to the very top.

Thursday, our Kentucky neighbor, Brother Campbell of Crescent Springs, was the inspiring speaker.

Friday, Brother Patterson of Findlay, Ohio, preached. Glorious service!

Saturday, Brother Winters of Louisville, was guest speaker. Heaven came down and we were reminded of the old time preaching, singing, and praying.

Ghost, and forty-four added to the church. This number doubled our membership, and we are truly thanking God for His goodness to us. We praise God also for our good pastor Rev. James Clark, and his family. They are proving a blessing to our Church.—Glenn R. Kerley, Clerk.

INDIAN RUN, Ky.—A wonderful three-weeks' revival closed at the Church of God at Indian Run, March 13, with twenty-two saved, eighteen sanctified, and ten filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival was conducted by the local ministry of the Catlettsburg District. This is a new church and God is wonderfully blessing. Our Sunday School increased from forty-four to one hundred forty-three in attendance. We organized a new Y. P. E., with an average attendance of seventy-five. God is wonderfully blessing these good people. The church is in the fight against sin and is 100 per cent for God. Pray that we will continue in the will of God.—W. G. Light, Pastor.

But oh my, the climax that came Sunday! All that had passed as blessed during the week led us on to great expectations, and need I state that we were not disappointed? With 610 in Sunday School, we broke all previous records. Our state overseer, Brother E. C. Clark, warmed our hearts with such a heavenly spirit of preaching in the morning.

The Assistant General Overseer, Brother Zeno C. Tharp, was with us in some great preaching in the afternoon's service, and also that evening.

Our old friend from Washington, Brother Carl Hughes, gave us a surprise treat at his appearance for the WZIP broadcast at 4 p. m. Sunday afternoon.

Who can soon forget the Cincinnati Church of God third anniversary week?

About two and one-half years ago, Cincinnati Church of God received a transfusion—starting with prayer and the God-fearing leadership of our beloved pastor, Brother G. W. Lane. We have seen all records broken and everything we ever did passed and exceeded. We are enjoying good victory, understanding, love, and fellowship, and looking forward with great expectations. Stop by and visit us.—Shirley Grayson, Sunday School Secretary.

WORLD Fellowship, Action, Strategy

By David J. du Plessis

Secretary of International Pentecostal Fellowship

It is generally conceded that this "latter day outpouring of the Holy Spirit" as on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2, commenced with revivals between 1904 and 1906. Never in church history has it been known that a religious revival reached so many people and countries of the world in so short a period. There is no man that can claim to have started this worldwide revival, and yet it has inspired even ordinary laymen to become great spiritual leaders and missionaries. Many of the wonderful pioneers in this Pentecostal revival are still with us, but on the whole a new generation has marched into action everywhere.

This new generation faces a new world, a world where news from everywhere to everywhere is flashed around the earth in a few seconds; a world where one can travel from continent to continent in a matter of hours; a world where distant nations have become close neighbors. The days of covered wagons and sailing vessels were left behind with the first years of this God-given revival. Journeys that took Paul the apostle months and years to complete can now be covered in a few weeks, giving the same time for ministry as he did. From the sacred records it is clear that the gospel preached in the power of the Holy Spirit reached the whole of the known world during the lifetime of the apostles, in spite of the handicaps of travel and communication. This modern Pentecost has already reached almost all nations, but should we not hasten to reach ALL CREATURES?

The future of this world-wide Pentecostal Fellowship might well be decided during the next few years, when it turns the half-century, for it is the transition from pioneer endeavor to a period in which we may be faced with opportunities exceeding anything of which our pioneers dreamed. Together with modern methods of rapid travel and communication, we have the promise of

God. "BY MY SPIRIT." Atomic energy has been unleashed in the world, and the use of POWER is the issue of our time. Indeed, the POWER of the Holy Spirit is the issue in deciding the future of the Pentecostal Fellowship. We are called to rededicate ourselves to the will of God as it is revealed in the Bible, in prayer and the revelation of the Holy Spirit. As never before, we should respond to His unchanging commission to carry His message to all men of all nations. We are called not only as individuals but as members of this World Fellowship, because we have been baptized in the "same Spirit." And we, as a movement, are called by the One who baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with fire, to give ourselves without reserve in a new consecration.

Never in its history has the Pentecostal Movement been faced with so unique an opportunity as confronts it in something like ninety nations today. As official delegates travel from all parts of the world to the world conference in Paris, they may recall the first fellowship meetings where a few gathered from one state or province; then greater meetings, where larger numbers gathered from all states or provinces, and then glorious national fellowship conventions. Quite a number will remember international conventions in Amsterdam, and Stockholm and other centers. The first World Conference in Zurich, 1947, is still fresh in the minds of many, but that Conference only served to show the vast expansion of missionary activities, and convinced all concerned that we should consider at another World Conference the far-reaching developments which sprang from such small beginnings. There is a need to get better acquainted and have closer fellowship.

The burning issue which confronts this 1949 Conference in Paris is the planning of *united action* on a world front. The missionary work of the Pentecostal Movement is not finished, it has only just begun. As a plan of

closer fellowship and more united action emerges, it will capture the vision and focus the attention and effort of the co-operation of our three million members and adherents, and of countless millions to whom our ministers, evangelists, and missionaries are ministering. It will surely bear the stamp of approval from the Lord Jesus Christ because He said to His Father, "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them, that they may be one even as we are one." John, 17:22. We believe that only the Holy Spirit can and will bring this divine unity in fellowship.

It may involve a series of national gatherings to strengthen the bonds of fellowship between movements and leaders besides area gatherings for various churches. It may involve the setting up of more effective lines of communication between movements on the different continents, so that out of diversity there may emerge Spirit-inspired unity, fellowship, and strategy. Above all, it will involve a fearless declaration of our faith in Christ as the only Saviour of a sin-cursed humanity, and in the baptism of the Holy Ghost as the only endowment of power for a God-ordained ministry.

One thing is certain: as a result of its expansion in less than half a century across all continents, the Pentecostal Movement is today faced with open doors, urgent appeals and consistent demands from all nations and creeds. We are confronted with unique and varied opportunities. The need is vast, the men are few, the

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The Evangel is the ideal gift for—

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Some Things to Think About

ILL SEEKS CURB ON VIOLENCE OVER RADIO BROADCASTS

MADISON, Wis.—(RNS)—A measure designed to prohibit radio broadcasting of "deeds of bloodshed, lust or crime" has been introduced in the state legislature here. It is expected to be widely supported by church, parent, and civic groups.

Meanwhile, it was learned that several members of the legislature are preparing bills intended to limit the regulation of comic books.

The broadcasting proposal, introduced by Senator Taylor G. Brown, of Ashkosh, at the request of the Lutheran Ladies' Association, would amend laws covering obscene language and publicity.

It would provide penalties for anyone who broadcast "any story, description or account of deeds of bloodshed, lust or crime, other than a current news event, or any program, discourse, conversation, ballad, expression or other utterance containing any obscene language, description or suggestion tending to the corruption of morals."

ONE OF SATAN'S BAITS

One day, a clergyman riding near a river saw two men fishing on the bank. One of these was very profane. The minister dismounted, sat down beside the swearer, and began a conversation. First, he asked what kind of bait he used to catch his fish, whereupon the fisherman replied, "That depends entirely upon the kind of fish I desire to catch."

"But," said the minister, "can you catch fish without bait of any kind?" "No," said the angler; "the fish are so foolish as to take the hook empty."

"But I know of a fisherman who catches large quantities of fish without bait of any kind."

"That's the first time I heard of it," said the man, quite interested. The pastor replied very earnestly: "It is Satan! He catches every user of profanity in that way. For every kind of sin he requires bait of some kind; that is, he draws the people on by promises to make them take the hook, but the swearer is foolish enough to bite without bait. He has nothing for his profanity, but Satan

has him. And the swearer keeps on fastening himself onto the hook more and more securely!"—*Fellowship News*.

National Sunday School Convention

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 12

March 6-10 was the climax of a series of constantly enlarging yearly Sunday School conventions, as the As-

semblies of God churches held their Seventh National Sunday School Convention in the city of Springfield, Missouri. Beginning seven years ago with a handful of people who met in the small library of the Gospel Publishing House of this city, these yearly meetings have grown until the convention this year overflowed the Shrine Mosque, southwest Missouri's largest auditorium, and caused serious consideration of the problem whether Springfield could handle the convention in future years.

GEORGIA MARCHES ON

By Rev. E. L. Simmons, Overseer of Georgia

There is always a great deal of enthusiasm accompanied with the words "Go on! Sail on! Move on! Roll on!" etc.; but it creates even greater enthusiasm when such commands are obeyed and produce maximum results. I think such can be said of the Churches of God in the State of Georgia.

OFFERINGS FROM DISTRICTS VISITED

District	Overseer	Missions	Orphanage
Cairo	T. A. Perkins	\$339.26	Sent to Hdq.
Albany	W. E. Wright	218.50	\$25.00
Valdosta	J. E. Davis	276.44	45.23
Jesup	W. C. Swilley	380.73	33.05
Hazlehurst	Brooks Youngblood	143.15	15.00
Waycross	Noah Ridgeway	306.25	35.25
Fitzgerald	T. W. Godwin	209.90	25.39
Swainsboro	J. B. Merritt	242.78	25.19

L. W. W. B. CORNER OF LOUISIANA

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It seems that the bad weather has slowed activity down. I wish very much, that the Bands would report at the end of the month. It takes only one time to do it. Why not get in the habit of making an early report. This would be of great benefit to the state office.

Here are the reports we have received:

Cedar Grove (Shreveport)	\$ 91.35
New Orleans	73.05
Forest	47.24
Robert	36.93
Savannah Branch	21.50
Covington	15.17
Baton Rouge	8.40
Shepherd's Fold	7.30
Archibald	1.92
Ward Line	(No meetings)

We do greatly appreciate the good work the ladies are carrying on in the Church, and we pray that they will be faithful in the efforts put forth for the Lord and His cause. Do you have a new project, new ideas, or suggestions of value? Then pass them on to the *State News* and let them bless someone else—Mrs. T. M. McClendon, State President.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP, WORLD ACTION, WORLD STRATEGY

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task is overwhelming, but the call is from God, and neither the material resources nor the spiritual power will be lacking if we step forward in faith and obedience. Let us pray, therefore, that not only from the leaders gathered at Paris, but from every member of this Pentecostal revival in all lands may come the response: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.... Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching," Heb. 10: 22-25.—*Keystone Rays*.

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Cleveland, Tennessee

Is There a Personal Devil? and Is He Now Bound?

By REV. W. L. MYERS

I take the position that there is a personal devil, and he is not bound as yet. There is a school that may be termed as that of the latter-day gnostics, who teach that the devil is now bound. If he is bound, he is bound to a tremendously long chain. But let us get down to real theology. When it comes to the personality of Satan, we have positive proof. We shall begin our argument based on Matthew 4:1-11. The text is the account of the temptation of Christ in the wilderness. There is but one way to understand this event—as the history of a real occurrence; our Lord was actually tempted by the devil as a person; He entered into a personal combat with the devil.

The above interpretation presupposes two things—the devil is superhuman and personal. The account could come only from the mouth of our Lord; and it describes an actual scene, not a dream. The devil really came to Jesus. Why confuse the plain statements. The devil actually carried our Lord from place to place. We see in this narrative nouns and personal pronouns. Verse 1, "To be tempted of the devil"; verse 3, "the tempter came to him"; verse 5, "The devil taketh him up"; verse 6, "and saith unto him"; verse 7, "Jesus said unto him"; verse 8, "again the devil taketh him up"; verse 11, "then the devil leaveth him." To say that this was not a personal devil who attacked the Lord would be to derange the grammatical status of the narrative. The devil is a slanderer, a traducer. The devil is always used in the Bible to signify an evil spirit, never to personify evil in man or in the world.

Here is another great truth taught in the narrative; namely, "The kingdom of darkness," of which the personal devil is the prince. The devil knew his rival. Therefore, he threw all of his satanic strength into the battle against Him. But thank God, he lost the battle.

The devil is a liar. O thou lying devil! Thou art "the father of lies." If the devil can make men doubt his

personality, or believe he is bound already, he has won a great victory. It is absurd to say that the devil is bound. The devil is at liberty, and will continue to be until Jesus comes the second time. Here is proof that he will be at liberty when Jesus comes the second time: "And the dragon (the devil) gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority," Revelation 13:2. If he is bound when the beast puts in his appearance, he can not give him his power.

In the nineteenth chapter of Revelation, the second coming of Jesus is set forth; and in the twentieth chapter, the binding of the devil is depicted. I want you to notice the nouns and pronouns in the first seven verses of the twentieth chapter: "The dragon," "that old serpent," "the devil and Satan," "and cast him into," "and shut him up," "that he should deceive the nations no more." Notice the "he" and "him," not "it"

or "them." At this time, the devil will be dealt with as an individual in the grand personal being. The latter day gnostics, in their theory concerning the devil, include a strange philosophical phenomenon. They say the devil is bound, but his diabolical work is still audacity to accuse

In the first chapter of Job, we find an interesting conversation between when? and the personal God and the personal devil. By reading this account, we learn that Satan was not bound at that time, for Satan said, "From Gehenna to and fro in the earth, and fro Just a few walking up and down in it." We have already pointed out that he was not his satanic bound when our Lord entered upon His public ministry. Neither was he bound a bound when Peter wrote his epistles. We hear him say, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour," and ruin the Peter 5:8. He was walking up and down in the earth before the fall of this great man. He was still walking about where he pleased in the day of Job. He was still foot-loose when our Lord appeared and demanded baptism in the hands of John. He was still very much at liberty when Peter sounded his note of warning, "Be watchful." He will still be stalking about where the beast puts in his appearance. (Continued)

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the devil will be sneaking around like a snake in the grass when Jesus comes the second time. Then, he will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit. See Revelation 20:3.

devil Satan even has the liberty and audacity to stand in the face of God and accuse the saints day and night, we find Revelation 12:10. If Satan is bound, when? and where? I challenge the world to show one word of Scripture that proves that Satan has been bound, and that he has ever been put in hell, Hades, Gehenna, or Sheol.

Just a few questions in conclusion. If Satan is bound, how could he exert his satanic power and influence? What is the percentage if the devil was bound and still his diabolical influence is working in the world unrestrained? Why go to the trouble to bind Satan and then turn his power loose on the world to ravish, wreck, and ruin the human family?

The above is the small beginning of this great subject.

BUILDING FOR TIME AND ETERNITY

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should be included in our building program.

3. *The little clothes closet (where the very best of our clothes are hung).* David said, "Thy word have I hid in my heart." We should be careful what goes in there. We just don't throw any old dirty rag into our clothes closet. We're choicy. Just the very best goes there. Let us determine not to let anyone dump their rubbish into our ears. It will spoil all the good in you, if you do. It will cause you to become sour on everyone you meet. And who wants to eat old sour fruit that causes your mouth to pucker up? That little room—"our heart"—may seem unimportant; but it is very important as to what we put in it. Be careful. Then believe, too, that

6. *A good basement is an essential room.* The basement is that room under all the other rooms. It is seldom seen by anyone except, perhaps, you. Yet it is important to have one. The greatest asset of any Christian's life is humility (the basement room), hidden away, not seen by men; but it is of vast importance. It was humility that caused Paul to cry out, "Not I, but Christ," and John the Baptist to say, "I must decrease, but he must increase." Humility puts Christ first, and pride puts self first.

It is also from the basement that generally the source of our heat comes. It is here that we generally have the furnace. And humility will cause that little spark in you to burst forth into a mighty flame. The basement is important; we do not want to leave it out.

7. *Windows are important in a home, too, and they are needed in our spiritual house.* Without windows, things would look pretty gloomy, dismal, and dark. It is through the window light is let in. It is here we get our vision. Any worth-while accomplishment for God has been wrought through a person with vision. Vision sent Paul forth as one of the mightiest missionaries the Church ever had. It was he who said, "O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision," and because of this vision churches were established wherever he went, and a mighty host will be among the redeemed multitude, at that day, because

of it. A vision sent Peter to the house of Cornelius, and thus gave to the Gentiles the same experience the Jews received at Pentecost. It was a vision that caused Peter to preach under the mighty unctioning power of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, resulting in 3,000 souls being saved. Let us put the windows in our house; we need them, because without a vision the people perish.

8. *In many homes steps are needed, too.* They are certainly needed in our spiritual house we are building. Steps make us think of elevation, and elevation makes us think of growth. When life comes to its close, just how big a spiritual person are you going to be? That of course, is entirely up to you. You can remain a little child and just drink the milk, instead of eating the good, tasty, wholesome meat, or vice versa. Milk is a food especially needed by two classes of people: first little babies; second, sick folk. Let us not be either, but grow.

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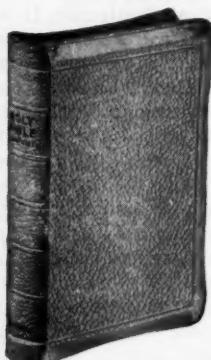
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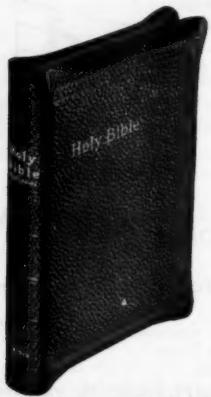
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